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SUBJ: OSLO DAILY REPORTS KISSINGER MAY VISIT SWEDEN IN MAY

1. DAGBLADET DEVOTES A FRONT- PAGE HEADLINE AND TWO- THIRDS OF AN INSIDE PAGE THIS AFTERNOON (APRIL 10) TO AN INTERVIEW WITH DR. KISSINGER AT THE WESTERN WHITE HOUSE BY VISITING DAGBLADET STAFFER ARNE HESTENES. LIKELY TO ATTRACT MOST ATTENTION IS THE HEADLINED STATEMENT ATTRIBUTED TO DR. KISSINGER THAT HE IS CONSIDERING A VISIT TO SWEDEN IN MAY.

2. THE PAGE ONE, FOUR- COLUMN HEADING READS: : DAGBLADET MEETS HENRY KISSINGER... WHO WILL VENTURE A TRIP TO SWEDEN IN MAY." IN THE INSIDE STORY, HESTENES WRITES THAT, AS DR. KISSINGER WALKED WITH HIM TO THE CAR AT THE END OF THE INTERVIEW, THE SUBJECT OF SCANDINAVIAN ATTITUDES TOWARD VIETNAM AND US- SWEDISH RELATIONS CAME UP. THE STORY CONTINUES:

QUOTE FOR THE FIRST TIME KISSINGER FROWNS AND HE SAYS THAT PERSONS IN LEADING SWEDISH CIRCLES MAY THINK WHAT THEY WILL ABOUT THE BOMBINGS AND CRITICIZE THEM, BUT THAT WHICH IS EVIDENTLY DIFFICULT FOR HIM TO ACCEPT, AND WHICH HE
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APPEARS SIMPLY TO TAKE TO HEART, IS THAT IN THIS CONNECTION THEY HAVE COMPARED THE AMERICAN LEADERSHIP WITH THE NAZIS. WE ARE INTERESTED IN KNOWING WHETHER THERE ARE CHANCES OF A RELAXATION OF THE SWEDISH- US CONFLICT, AND WHETHER THERE WILL BE A SWEDISH AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON AGAIN IN THE NEAR FUTURE. KISSINGER ANSWERS OUR QUESTION WITH NEITHER YES NOR NO, BUT POINTS OUT THAT LEADING SWEDISH CIRCLES HAVE NOT YET MADE ANY APOLOGY IN CONNECTION WITH THE USE OF THE TERM " NAZIS". HOWEVER, KISSINGER CONFIDES TO US THAT INDICATIONS ARE THAT HE WILL BE GOING TO SWEDEN IN MAY IF HE HAS TIME, TO PARTICIPATE IN SOME MEETINGS THERE OF AN UNOFFICIAL NATURE. END QUOTE.

3. AS A SENSATIONALIST, LEFTIST- LEANING JOURNAL, DAGBLADET IS NOT TAKEN TOO SERIOUSLY BUT NEVERTHELESS HAS WIDE READERSHIP.
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